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Security at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to shift from airport-based security to aircraft-based security at smaller airports to minimize the cost of flying on regional routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this step would make our airports more vulnerable to hijack as the airports won't have all round security personnel; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d): The National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP), 2016 provides that subject to minimum benchmarks being met, security architecture at the different airports will be proportionate to the threat classification and traffic volume, i.e. for small airports having very limited flights, the security architecture will be aircraft-centric, subject to threat classification in consultation with security agencies. Accordingly, "template" for smaller airports /minimum security provisions for operationalisation of unserved airports under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), have been formulated and circulated to Ministry of Home Affairs / all State Governments/Union Territories, being stakeholders. While framing the requirements, utmost care is given to ensure minimum security cover for such airports.